

## **BC Summer and BC Winter Games Injured Participant Policy**

### **BACKGROUND**

Past practice of the society has been to cover costs if a participant is injured at the Games and is required to stay in the community for treatment beyond when buses/flights depart and/or require alternate transportation home (as a result of the type of injury). There are a few examples in recent Games where this has been necessary, most recently at the Terrace 2010 BC Winter Games when a Speed Skating athlete was injured.

As a result of some PSOs recently asking about this practice, it has been formalized in a written policy.

### **POLICY**

Should a registered participant (athlete, coach, or official) sustain an injury during the BC Winter or BC Summer Games which requires care in the community beyond the scheduled return time via BC Games charter bus and/or aircraft on Sunday/Monday, the following will apply:

- The BC Games Society will arrange for an alternate mode of transportation from the Games to their home.
  - The mode of alternate transportation (air ambulance, ambulance, public transportation, personal transportation, as appropriate) will be determined by the BC Games Society based on input from the medical practitioner managing the care of the individual.
  - The BC Games Society will arrange for accommodation and meals for the individual for the required number of days, as determined appropriate by the BC Games Society based on input from the medical practitioner managing the care of the individual.
- Costs associated with the alternate travel, accommodation, and meals will be the responsibility of the BC Games Society.
- Where the injured participant is a minor, it will also be arranged for a suitable chaperone to remain with (be with) and/or travel with the injured party. Costs for travel, accommodation, and/or meals of the chaperone will be covered by the BC Games Society.
- The provision of alternate travel home will only be provided if the participant requested travel to or from the Games via BC Games charter bus and/or aircraft. If the participant was not using BC Games transportation to travel from the Games, they will be on their own to make travel arrangements; however, the BC Games Society will cover any additional costs associated with an extended stay in the community for treatment, as recommended by the medical practitioner managing the care of the individual.
- The Provincial Advisor for the sport or her/his designate will be involved in determining the plans for an injured participant. This will include identifying who (the Provincial Advisor and/or BC Games staff) will contact/inform the coach and/or Adult Supervisor at the Games (if an athlete) and parent/guardian (if a minor).